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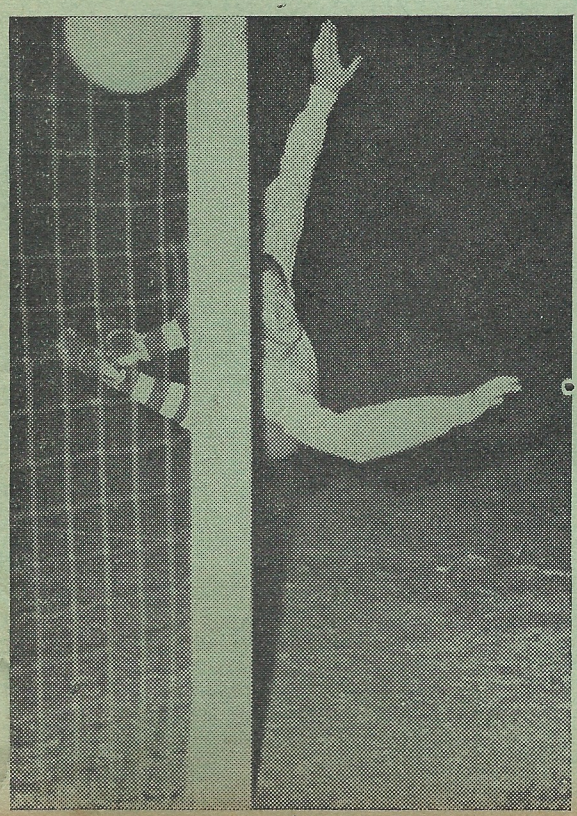

Croatia's forwards peppered Bankstown goalkeeper Rorke for most of the 70 minutes last week but this shot missed the target by inches. Full Ampol report and preview on page 6.

Clark, Brown act with tact in Argentine mix-up — rules now will be stricter

Australian Federation secretary Bob Clark this week urged clubs to comply with FIFA regulations when transferring players from overseas countries.

A copy of the statutes and regulations of FIFA had been sent to all Australian clubs some time ago, he said.

"Obviously some clubs never bothered to read the rules which regulate the movement of players from overseas," he added.

Secretary Clark's criticism followed the confusion a few hours before the Croatia v. Bankstown Ampol Cup match in Sydney last Friday.

SOCCER WORLD played its part in clearing up the mix-up, enabling two of Croatia's newly arrived Argentines to take the field that evening.

However, this would have been impossible but for the understanding attitude of Secretary Bob Clark and NSW Secretary Aulden Brown.

This is what happened that Friday.

Pesos or dollars?

A Sydney newspaper reported that Croatia's four new Argentines, Puig, Bischoff, Collazo and Rinos would not be allowed to play because the Argentine Federation (AFA) demanded a 2,000 dollars transfer fee for each.

Late in the afternoon the two secretaries, a bank official and SOCCER WORLD concluded that the demand was for 2,000 pesos, not US dollars—about £10 instead of the £900, as reported by the newspaper.

The translator of the Spanish letter from Buenos Aires must have confused the very similar dollar and peso symbols.

The AFA's letter to Secretary Clark, a reply for the request of the international clearances, read:

"With reference to the request for international passes for players Juan Puig and Norberto Bischoff, I wish to inform you that before this can be processed it will be necessary that an amount of 4,000 pesos be sent to this Federation since the transaction fee for each player amounts to 2,000 pesos, which must be paid in advance."

Since the AFA's letter made no mention at all of the other two players, Rinos and Collazo, these were beyond saving for the match that night.

However, a series of telephone calls and then hurried meetings finally resolved that Bischoff and Puig would be allowed to play if Croatia deposited sufficient money to cover the demanded 2,000 pesos per player, obviously a de-registration fee.

It wasn't until 5.45 p.m. that Secretary Clark and Secretary Brown decided to act in the spirit of the law and recommend that they be allowed to play.

At 7.15 pm., exactly 15 minutes before the match, several members of the NSW management committee hurriedly conferred and approved Messrs Clark's and Brown's very correct and commonsense decision.

And so the two players, probably unaware of the hours of crisis behind their case, finally took the field with Croatia.

But the lesson of it all was quite obvious: Croatia failed to take the necessary steps in time to obtain the international clearances for the players.

Had the Federation decided to stick to the written law, they would have been legally justified in barring Puig and Bischoff.

Said Secretary Clark this week:

"Clubs must by now realise that they won't be allowed to use players from overseas without the proper international clearances.

"Club clearances are not enough.

"As soon as a club has completed negotiations with an overseas player, they should immediately apply with the NSW Federation for an international clearance.

"This will be passed on to the Australian Federation and we will contact the player's home association directly."

Secretary Clark said clubs could apply for this pass even before the player started for Australia.

"If in the last minute he changes his mind, the clearance will be returned," he said.

—PAUL DEAN

BIG CAR FIRM MAY JOIN SPONSORS

— From Bob Low in Melbourne —

What price General Motors Holden joining the small but select band of soccer supporters?

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It would, indeed be an unusual set-up, if at least a few words about our game, didn't reach the ears of the men who matter and who could possibly, with the stroke of a pen, give soccer another uplift.

George Cross staffers

At the plants in Melbourne it appears that George Cross dominate the scene although representatives of other clubs are also in the line-up.

George Cross are represented by Campbell, Cassar, McVean, Fitchett, Leitch, Gibb, Dimech, Barbara and Goldie as players.

Tsolakes of Hellas, Bottari of Juventus and Grgas of JUST are some other players.

Four committee members from Polonia, George Cross, Juventus and Hellas are also with the company along with Georgious of Melbourne, while an ex-Juventus coach and Mrs Nigel Shepherd, wife of the Slavia full back are also there.

While it is purely conjecture at this stage to think that the GMH chiefs may even be remotely interested in soccer, let alone sponsoring it, possibility spells hope.

It might prove a worthwhile idea to invite some of the GMH chiefs to be guests of the Australian and Victorian Federations at the games in Melbourne against English league champions, Everton.

Late news

Slavia's new centre, 20-year old David Meechan who played with Sheffield Wednesday and York City and arrived by air on Friday, played well enough next day to suggest that he will be an asset.

He tired in the latter stages of the Polonia game.

Croatia and Pan Hellenic have agreed on terms for the transfer of Scottish centre forward Jim Fernie who joined the Melbourne club last year.

A fee over four figures has been settled.

SM Hellas had hoped to get Fernie, but a delay in making an offer killed their chances.

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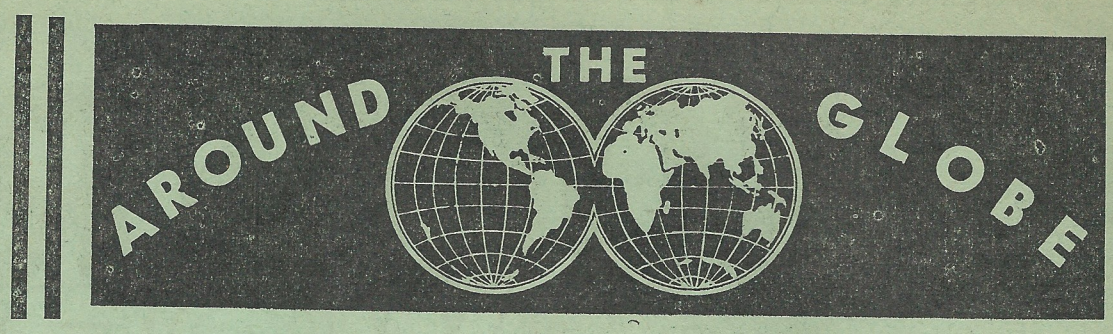

"Old" Madrid kills off Milan with pure skill

Real Madrid virtually eliminated holders AC Milan when they beat the Italians 4-1 in the first leg of their European Cup quarterfinal tie at Madrid recently.

The Italians are now faced with the impossible task of beating Real Madrid by at least three goals in the return match to force a play-off at Brussels.

Should they fail, Real Madrid will take a big step towards winning their sixth European Cup crown, after a period of three lean years.

It was a near-vintage Real that outclassed Milan in Madrid.

The Italians had no answer to the Spaniards' superior technique and committed the unforgivable error of solely relying on their famous "catenaccio" defence to keep the score down.

But sheer defensive tactics made no impression on the well-oiled Madrid forward-line where Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento and particularly outside-right Amancio played havoc with Milan's defenders.

Milan were unlucky to lose stopper Maldini just before half-time, and played with 10 men for the entire second half.

Their star half-back Trappatoni was also unavailable, having undergone an appendix operation three days before the game.

On the other hand, Madrid also played with 10 men for over an hour after Ruiz suffered a fractured leg following a bad foul by Mora.

The loss of those key players in their special defensive system upset the Milanese who were outclassed for most of the game.

Di Stefano scored a goal from a direct freekick from more than 20 yards and Puskas' famed left foot spread panic in the depleted Italian defense.

Puskas ' goal, which made the score 2-0 just before half-time, was the best of the match.

The former Hungarian received a perfect pass from Frenchman Muller, brought the ball down to his right foot, then swung it to the left and volleyed the ball into the net from 30 yards out.

Milan goalkeeper Barluzzi was extremely nervous, conceding two goals which he could have stopped.

Observers at the match said that Real Madrid had already played better, but that they had rarely seen the Royal Madridians so keen and full of fight.

Muller, Puskas, Di Stefano and Amancio were best for Real.

For disorganised, panic-stricken Milan fullback Trebbi, Rivera and Mora stood out.

How they lined up and played:

REAL MADRID: Vicente; Isidro, Pachin; Muller, Santamaria, Zoco; Amancio, Ruiz, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento.

AC MILAN: Barluzzi;David, Trebbi; Pelagalli, Maldini, Noletti; Mora, Lodetti, Altafini, Rivera, Amarildo.

Scorers: Amancio 18 min., Puskas 43 min., Di Stefano 60 min. and Gento 67 min. for Real Madrid; Lodetti 84 min. for Milan.

Referee: Barberan (France).

BELGIUM

Belgian players now need permission from their clubs to appear on television and radio interviews.

This follows a statement by Anderlecht's international Peter Stockman last week on television.

The outspoken Stockman embarassed Belgian officials by candidly admitting that all Anderlecht players were full professionals despite Belgium's official semi-professional status.

ARGENTINA

Top Buenos Aires club River Plate have embarked on a player-buying orgy.

In less than six weeks, River Plate bought goalkeeper Gatti and fullback Bonczuk from Atlanta, international leftwinger Lallana from Argentinos Juniors and acquired coach Enrique Fernandez from Danubio, Uruguay, who will replace Liberti who returned to Barcelona.

Their greatest capture, however, is South America's greatest defender—Roberto Matosas, Penarol Montevideo's right half.

Matosas cost River Plate £110,000—an all-time record for an inter-American transfer fee.

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Artime, Argentina's top forward, will not go to Italy after all.

Juventus had shown interest in Artime but fellow Argentinian Oman Sivori advised club officials against buying the inside-forward.

"Artime just would'nt be tough enough for the hard-tackling, speedy Italian first division defenders", Sivori claimed.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Dukla Prague have just returned home after a 12-match tour of Russia, China and Japan.

The Czechs only lost one match, 0-2 against the Red Army team at Moscow.

They were held to a 2-2 draw twice in China, at Peking and Shanghai, by national Chinese selections.

Their biggest wins were in Japan where they beat the Japanese Olympic team 8-1, 6-0 and 9-1.

ITALY

Another Mazzola has hit the headlines in Italy.

He is 18-year-old Ferruccio Mazzola, brother of Internazionale's national centre - forward Sandro and one of the three soccer-playing sons of pre-war Italian soccer idol, Valentino Mazzola.

Ferruccio wanted a transfer to Palermo from Inter, where he is only a reserve player, but big brother Sandro opposed the move claiming that Ferruccio was still too soft for the tough grind of professional Italian football.

Now the brothers are not on speaking terms and young Ferruccio says that he will never ever play in the same team as Sandro.

PORTUGAL

Eusebio, the Benfica star inside-forward, is again Portugal's "Sportsman of the Year".

To celebrate the award, the dark-skinned Mozambique-born genius scored six goals in a competition match against Seixal, joining Figueiredo of Sporting Lisbon at the top of the country's goalscoring charts.

Benfica, after a shaky start to the season, are now clear leaders in the first division, four points ahead of FC Porto.

RUSSIA

Top Russian referee Nicholas Latycheff celebrated a triple anniversary last week.

It was Latycheff's 50th birthday, his 30th year as a referee and 20th year of teaching at the Moscow Technical Institute.

Latycheff refereed the 1962 World Cup final between Brazil and Czechoslovakia at Santiago, the 1960 Olympic Games final (Yugoslavia v. Denmark) and a record total of five Russian Cup finals.

SPAIN

Real Madrid speed merchant, outside left Francisco Gento was chosen as Spain's most popular sportsman for 1963.

He pipped cyclist Bahamontes and pelota player Olmedo for the award.

Gento missed the banquet after the Real Madrid v. AC Milan European Cup quarterfinal match to accept his trophy at the plush Madrid Hilton Castillana from General Franco himself.

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TAMANDL READY TO RESUME PLAY, ANKLE HAS HEALED

Prague coach Walter Tamandl says that Prague's 2-2 draw with 1963 Swiss Cup winners FC Basel was the best welcome home present he could ever have asked for.

And Tamandl did mean "home" when he spoke of his return to Sydney after a three-month visit to his native Vienna.

Walter Tamandl was especially flown back by Prague to be on the side-line when Prague played F.C. Basel on January 25.

Tamandl is now permanently settled in Sydney where he runs a service station in the heart of Kings Cross.

He has no thoughts whatsoever of leaving Australia, but intends to visit his mother in Austria at least every two years.

Keen to play

Tamandl, who coached Prague to their fourth Sydney premiership last season at his first coaching attempt, expects to lead Prague on the field this year.

He returned to Sydney brimming with optimism after a successful ankle operation in Vienna.

Tamandl had been plagued with a chipped bone in the left ankle since 1961, forcing him to retire from active duty last year at the early age of 26.

The nagging ankle injury prevented Tamandl from showing his true ability for two and a half years.

Tamandl was rated the outstanding prospect in Austria when he came to join Prague in 1959 and Sydney fans easily understood why when they watched his brilliant displays against the Costa-Rican Deportiva Saprissa that same year.

Now the last of Prague's outstanding Austrian imports is ready to regain a place in the sun of Sydney soccer, as a player this time.

He bases his optimism on the operation he underwent in Vienna under famous surgeon Dr. Jelinek.

Jelinek is a world-famous orthopedic specialist, having successfully operated on Garrincha and other world stars.

Dr. Jelinek is also the doctor of the Austrian national soccer teams.

He was recommended to Tamandl by his former F.K. Austria coach, Leopold Vogel.

After the operation, Tamandl underwent a two-weeks intensive X-ray treatment which he claims cured him for good.

To prove that the cure was complete, Tamandl attended F.K. Austria trainings for four weeks and was able to stretch out freely.

During his eight-day stay in hospital he received visits from former Sydney players Dolezal, Blutsch and Erwin Ninaus.

Blutsch full-time

All of them are doing well in Austria, particularly Ninaus who is on the threshhold of gaining full international honors for Austria.

Ninaus was first reserve for the Austrian team against Italy at Turin last November.

The former Prague and NSW stopper told his old team-mate that he would not return to Australia as he did not want to sacrifice the possibility of a national cap.

Tamandl thinks that Ninaus played better in Sydney as a centre-half than he does today in Austria as a half-back.

Adolf Blutsch, who has been transferred from F.K. Austria to L.A.S.K. (Linz), is the best off financially of the former Sydney players.

Blutsch is a full professional-one of the very few in Austria—and drives a late model car.

The former Hakoah star, however, intimated that he may be back in Australia in two years time when his contract expires with L.A.S.K.

Heinz Dolezal never regained his first team berth with F.K. Austria and only plays in the reserves, but he is slimmer than he was in Sydney.

Heinz Wenzl, despite Hakoah's suspension, plays for Simmering.

Tamandl did not meet Viktor Mach, another former Hakoah player, but learned that he was under suspension.

Tamandl was not impressed with the standard in Austria.

He feels it is a long way behind what it used to be in the mid—and late fifties.

The Sydney standard does not suffer too badly in comparison, according to Tamandl.

Tamandl claims that Scheinflug and Blitz could play with distinction in any Austrian team.

"Blitz would be the best right winger in Austria", Tamandl said.

On his way back to Australia, Tamandl stopped over in the United States to see his sister.

He also went to North Hollywood where former Prague and NSW secretary-treasurer Joe Bruna now lives.

Tamandl saw the Los Angeles Kickers play there and compares their play to the style of F.C. Basel, based on strength and direct football —but not as good of course.

Joe Bruna will spend a few weeks in Australia in October where he hopes to arrange a tour of the United States and Mexico for Prague.

Tamandl is now intent on picking up the threads of his playing career.

He expects to play in a few trial matches soon with the hope of being fully fit to take his place in the Prague line-up when the competition kicks-off on March 14.

—Einar Persen

MARMARAS COULD GO

According to a strong rumor, Australian Federation chairman Theo Marmaras of Melbourne may lose his post at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The man who may succeed him is Ian Brusasco, a Brisbane chemist, now a vice-chairman.

Marmaras is reportedly ready to step down anyway.

Some changes are also forecast in the ranks of delegates to the Australian Federation.

Secretary Bob Clark's position will be unchallenged.

WHO COMES . . . WHO GOES . . . WHAT GOES . . . WHAT PEOPLE SAY . . .

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Conducted by Einar Persen

Rumor has it that APIA and Canterbury may amalgamate next season. Some people even say this is the reason why Watkiss joined APIA instead of Pan Hellenic who were prepared to pay exactly the same price and offer the same terms to the player.

PRAGUE'S new Maltese international fullback Fred Falzon was hit on the hand by a stone thrown by an irate spectator at last week's trial match between Prague and SCU at Woonona Oval.

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YUGAL will stage a gala night on February 21 at their club at 256 Crown Street, City. Tickets are now on sale at £10 each for this exclusive function to raise funds for Yugal. More than £500 worth of tickets have already been sold but more are still available and can be bought by ringing the secretary at 31-1038.

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CLUBS are incensed at the Ampol rules on replacement of players. The rules stipulate that one field player and the goalkeeper may be replaced at any time, but what irks the clubs is that they are forced to name their field replacement before the match for inclusion on the team sheet. This means that if a centre-forward is hurt and must leave the field, he can only be replaced by the club's 12th man on the team sheet, even if it happens to be a full-back.

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We received a card this week from former Gladesville and NSW Federation official Kevin Darcy from Niagara Falls. No, Darcy is not honeymooning at the famous resort: he's on his way to his native Ireland to visit his family at Country Newry. Darcy says in his postcard that he is eagerly awaiting to see British soccer again.

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JOSE Arquero, the South Coast United inside right, has disappeared. Club officials fear he may be playing in Melbourne under an assumed name.

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YUGAL will soon announce the name of the top Yugoslav forward they are bringing out to Australia. The player will accompany international outside-right Sijakovic to Yugal before the start of the local premiership in mid-March. Sijakovic was a member of the Yugoslav World Cup squad in Chile, played in the semifinal against Czechoslovakia at Vina del Mar.

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FILIPPO Bottalico and Cliff Van Blerk are the only two APIA players who have not signed their contracts for 1964. Both are in financial disagreement with the club but are likely to settle their differences before the start of the competition.

ALF Stokes, Budapest's 31-year-old English forward, will reach Melbourne by boat on Sunday and may be brought to Sydney by train on Monday. Stokes hates flying.

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CROATIA seem to have second thoughts on buying Gergely from Budapest. The fullback has not trained for several weeks now.

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APIA's cheque of £1,500 for John Watkiss was the biggest ever made out for the transfer of a local player. Canterbury will get another windfall from APIA when the clubs meet in a trial match at Arlington Oval on Sunday, March 1, with the entire gate Canterbury's.

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SOUTH Coast United have elected these new office-bearers: Reg Birch, president; K. Bragg, treasurer and Trevis Birch secretary-manager.

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THINGS are looking brighter for newly-promoted Corinthians. Two players are due from England this Friday and will take part in the club's trial match against Cumberland United at the Gladesville Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon. The new players are Peter Irving, 20, a forward and former team-mate of Lawson Bennett from Accrington Stanley and Peter Dewhurst, 21, a defender from Burnley amateurs and Cheshire club Runcorn. Irving represented English schoolboys against Scotland and played for the F.A. under-18 XI against Holland. He made his league debut at the age of 17 and was one of the youngest professionals in the country.

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YUGAL players have elected coach Ferdo Dunaj captain for the season and Ljubissa Lazarevic vice-captain. Both were unopposed and "democratically" elected.

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BUDAPEST's defence is truly international as the six players are from six countries: Sokoloff (Russia), Stegbauer (Austria), Brisby (Australia), Schaefer (Germany), Banicevic (Yugoslavia) and Zuckermann (Hungary).

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STAR Pan Hellenic forward Jimmy "Lightning" Pearson hurt his foot at work last week, chipping a bone. Club officials, however, are confident he will play next Friday week against Croatia.

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THE Federation's refusal to allow Englishman Jim Turner to play last Friday night has upset Bankstown officials. They claim that since Turner was only a player with the Exeter Physical Education College in England there should have been no difficulties with his clearance. Turner was also the secretary of the Exeter club and could have easily signed his own clearance.

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PAN Hellenic have embarked on an ambitious junior scheme. Juniors now train every Saturday morning under Jim Harris at Wentworth Park. The best prospects will be formed into a squad under the supervision of second team manager Bill Vrolyks, the former Sydney Austral player and one of Australia's top junior coaches. Pan Hellenic extend a hearty welcome to any youngster who wishes to attend their special Saturday coaching clinics.

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CUMBERLAND United have appointed Walter Reach as trainer-masseur. Reach played first division soccer in Czechoslovakia and was well-known was talent scout, manager and coach in America, Israel, Egypt and Australia, with Prague and Hakoah. He was Prague's team-manager in 1963.

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BANKSTOWN have formed a coaching panel consisting of their senior players to give individual tuition to young, up and coming players as well as their hundreds of district juniors. This is the club's first phase in their long-range plan to lift the code in the Bankstown area.

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NINETEEN-year-old John Nuell gets his big chance on Friday night when he plays in goal for South Coast United. Nuell, who toured New Zealand with the NSW under-16 team in 1960, has been groomed by Jim Kelly for the last three seasons and is now ready to grab his chance with his two safe hands.

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YUGAL outside-right Joe Alagich has recovered from a dislocated shoulder and has been training since Monday. Alagich will be included in the Yugal forward-line against APIA on Friday night—a welcome addition to their weak attack.

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PRAGUE president John Domabyl returned ten days ago from a South American business trip. While in Argentina he paid a visit to the parents of Norberto Badaracco and Luis Gauto and saw a "friendly" between Argentine champions Independiente and F.K. Austria (3-0). He also saw matches in Lima, Peru, Costa-Rica, Venezuela and Colombia. Independiente were the only team that impressed him.

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BOBBY Hunter had to miss last Sunday's trial match against APIA because he did not get leave from the Police Department where he is a constable.

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PAN Hellenic will have three more top Scottish players in Sydney this weekend. They are centre-half Doug Wright from Partick Thistle, second division halfback Billy McIntyre and Jim Fernie from Croatia - Melbourne. Fernie, a 6'2" burly goalgetter, was rated the most opportunist forward in Victoria last year.

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BANKSTOWN's new player, Welsh international Ron Hewitt, arrives on the "Oriana" in two weeks.

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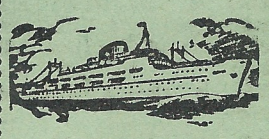

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Huge uproar in SA over shabby deal for Everton

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide, the city of churches, is in an uproar over the SA National Football League's refusal to alter its programme to enable Everton to play SA on Adelaide Oval on May 9.

A league football match is scheduled for the city's major oval on that day and the league's insistance that it must take precedence over an inernational soccer game is causing indignation not only among soccer supporters but also among all fair minded sportsmen.

Both daily newspapers condemned the league's decision in their editorial columns.

"THE NEWS" said:

"A dog-in-the-manger attitude tinges the SA National Football League's refusal to alter its programme to allow an international soccer match to be played at Adelaide Oval.

"The decision obviously reflects an element of alarm at the rising popularity of soccer, but many hundreds of English and European migrants will resent it.

"It would surely have not been too great a sacrifice for the league to have given up the oval for one afternoon."

The ADVERTISER said:

"The SA National Football League hardly established a reputation for fair-mindedness or courtesy at its meeting on Monday night.

"Its refusal to vary its programme to allow a visiting English soccer team to play on the Adelaide Oval on May 9 was particularly difficult to understand.

"The league would have suffered no serious financial loss had it agreed to the Australian Soccer Federation's proposal.

"Naturally, it has the interests of clubs to consider.

"The transfer to another oval of the match arranged for May 9, however, should have caused no great inconvenience.

"On the other hand, a match featuring the English league champion club Everton on the Adelaide Oval would have attracted interest far beyond the ranks of soccer enthusiasts.

"Even if the spectators were confined to migrant families from the United Kingdom there would be much in favor of allowing the central oval to be used as a venue.

"It will be little to the credit of South Australia's sense of the fitness of things if this leading English team is relegated to an out-of-the-way suburban ground.

"In other States, the ovals desired by soccer authorities. such as. the Sydney Cricket Ground, have been made available for matches there.

"The SA league might even now review its decision and in a sporting spirit permit the same to be done here."

There seems little chance of the ADVERTISER'S suggestion being taken up as a league spokesman, questioned since the editorial appeared, said that "there just isn't another oval available for us to stage the game."

The attitude of the man in the street to the situation was summed up by an ardent Australian Rules supporter.

"The league's decision is grossly unfair," he said.

"I hope soccer can get another big oval,—say Wayville Showgrounds, and I hope you fill it to capacity."

Crisp Comments

The SA Soccer Referees Association will begin an instructional course for recruits early next month.

Persons interested in becoming a referee are requested to contact secretary H. Thompson, 5 Kimber Tce., Kurralta Park.

Fans who unkindly suggest that referees are not fit enough to keep up with the game should note that beach training for referees will start on March 1.

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As from February 14, the A.N.Z. Bank in Hindley St., will feature an Ampol Cup window display...

Soccer trophies, uniforms and photographs will be arrayed together with the Ampol Cup which will be crammed with £500 in cash.

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Several Adelaide clubs are averting the transfer of players by placing unrealisticly high transfer fees on their heads.

Polonia have been negotiating for Arpad Zsuppan from Budapest but have been told the fee was £500.

Enfield were reported to be trying for Juventus forward Dave Howlett but the figure quoted for his release was £300, far more than Enfield were prepared to pay.

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New Hellas centre-forward Ted Lyster wore glasses in the first two games of the night series but will be fitted with contact lenses when Hellas play Cumberland on February 26.

FIFA on transfers

Section III., article 12 of the FIFA statutes say:

"1. If a player—amateur, non amateur under contract or license, or professional — wishes to change his national association, no association may register him for one of its clubs unless he is in possession of a certificate of transfer.

"Only the new association will be entitled to ask the transfer certificate from the former association.

2. "The certificate of transfer shall be issued in duplicate and duly signed by the previous association.

3. "One copy shall be sent by registered letter to the secretary of FIFA and the other to the new national association.

4. "The certificate of transfer shall contain the declaration that the holder of this certificate is free to play football in the area of another association from the date shown on the certificate.

5. "The issuing of this certificate shall imply on the part of the previous association that all commitments of a financial nature, including the transfer fee where applicable, have been settled."

ONE MORE LOSS SPELLS DOOM FOR JUVENTUS

Juventus will oppose Birkalla in next Wednesday's late game at the Thebarton Oval knowing that defeat will almost certainly mean their exit from the Ampol semifinals.

Following a strenuous 1963 season, six of Juventus' top team decided to sit out this Ampol series.

Despite their absence, Juventus played well against Croatia.

There was a marked slump, however, when Juventus failed to counter the nippy Polonia.

Juventus fielded former Sydney Budapest and Canterbury forward Kurt Olsson against Polonia and the Dane showed considerable promise.

The black and whites possess "name" forwards in Donnelly, Govelli, Howlett, and now Olsson.

No matter how inexplicable it may be, the fact remains that Juventus failed against Polonia and new coach Howard Wells now faces the task of whipping his side back into winning form.

And a tough assignment it could be against the polished Birkalla ball players.

The Rovers began the series in meritorious fashion by drawing with Croatia but then slumped when their forwards could not penetrate the Enfield defence.

Individually Juventus look superior and they should win particularly because of the urgency of their plight but "Lindquist's lads" are capable of yet another surprise.

Two teams at the bottom of Group B,—Victoria and Austria—will clash in Wednesday night's early game with the winner well concealed.

Austria's only claim to fame in this series is a draw with Cumberland, but so well did they play that better things were expected.

They crashed against Budapest, but better teams have been guilty of the same crime.

Victoria were crushed by Cumberland, only to improve dramatically against Hellas.

These facts indicate a close match with a draw a possibility but Victoria's more solid defence could earn them their first points.

POLONIA'S YOUNG QUARTET TRIUMPHS

Polonia sprang the biggest surprise of the Ampol series by downing Juventus in wintery conditions, when the fifth round was decided at Thebarton Oval.

Rain, bleak winds and lightning cut the crowd to 2,500 but the small Polonia following were thrilled by the amazing form reversal of their side.

Polonia v. Juventus 4-2

The heroes of the shock win were Polonia's four junior forwards, Hamence, Kolecki, Mielnik, and Urbaniak.

Backed by a sound and experienced defence, the Polonia boys held a three goal lead before Rusalen netted a face-saving penalty seconds before time.

How they lined up:

Polonia: Carruthers; Pettit, Stephenson; McAllister, Buttas, Massie; Mielnik, Miller, Hamence, Urbaniak, Koleck.

Juventus: Lodi; Russo, Rusalen; Chiappin, Rossetto, Jennings; Govelli, Howlett, Donnelly, Olsson, Lindsey.

Scorers: Hamence 31 and 72 mins., Kolecki 51 min. Mielnik 70 min. for Polonia. Pettit (t.o.g.) 35 min., Rusalen 80 min. penalty for Juventus.

Referee: W. Hosie.

Hellas v. Victoria 1-0

Hellas retained their unbeaten record with a narrow victory over a much improved Victoria.

The underdogs matched Hellas in an even first half but the Greek team gradually assumed command to deservedly earn both points.

Most of the credit for restricting Hellas to one goal must go to Victoria goalkeeper Gordon and centre-half Gerken who both played magnificently.

Former Sth. Melbourne Hellas forward Sam Salabasides turned in a "one-man-band" performance, taking corner kicks, throws-in and almost every free-kick awarded to Hellas.

The Hellas mania to find Salabasides with every pass was a tribute to the energetic forward but it had the adverse effect of crowding their approach work and restricting shots at goal.

How they lined up:

Hellas: Wallis; Stathi, Coombs; Zaharakis, Papadopolous, Marusic; Orr, Worthington, Lyster, Salabasides, Edwards.

Victoria: Gordon; Lange, Snasdell; West, Gerken, Frank; Stierman, Schmucker, Cunnett, Skrobatski, McKenzie.

Scorer: Salabasides 57 min. for Hellas.

Referee: D. Gardner.

Crowd: 2,500.

— A. CRISP

LEN TODD FROM BRISBANE WARNS:

"BIG TWO" NEED FRESH BLOOD TO STAVE OFF TOUGH RIVALS

Although it is hard to discuss team prospects until you have seen the teams in real action, I can see problems ahead for our two leading clubs, Hellenic and Azzurri.

In both teams the stars they signed a few years ago, and who built them into the power they have been are ageing and have slowed down considerably.

With speed an absolute essential in modern soccer, both teams will have to look to their laurels in the coming season, as there are some very promising young teams in opposition.

Azzurri have done some team building, and their main capture is that of Grange-Thistle Scot, George Shearer, who played for Queensland last year.

He will be of great value to them, especially if they play him in his proper position at outside right.

With Shearer, the rest of the attack has reasonable speed and football know-how, but it is in defence that Azzurri, like Hellenic, will be lacking in speed.

Hellenic expect to field much the same team as last year, and with full back Lofty Clarke approaching 40, he must have slowed up.

This was noticeable late last season, although through his hard training he was one of the fittest men in the game.

Lofty could be a great help to Hellenic as a coach, and could be relied upon to bring along many young players.

Les McCrea should still be young enough to hold his place as a stopper type centre half, but this position is one Hellenic will have to soon fill.

It may in fact be possible for them to play Les at full back, and bring in a Scottish migrant player at centre half.

They have one in mind, and he comes from a good Scottish League team.

Hellenic may seek replacements for several players who are just about thinking of retirement.

Clark may be good for this job of bringing along young players to make the replacements.

Shearer's role

Azzurri too, will have to get busy along similar lines, and in this regard they will find George Shearer an ideal person to take over a role similar to that I have suggested for Clark.

Hellenic and Azzurri cannot expect to be able to go into the transfer market, as clubs here now are placing high fees on players.

Azzurri have a few defenders, who have now been playing for a number of years and although not quite "over the hill", these are slowing up a lot, and the club will need to look for replacements for them very soon.

This season should be the one in which, no matter what success they may achieve, they must build for the future.

Hellenic's attack, like that of Azzurri, still looks pretty strong, and could still have match-winning potential, but the time is now quite near, when these players will have to give way to youth.

The "writing is on the wall" for these two teams, unless they realise their position soon.

Latrobe keen

In marked contrast to Hellenic and Azzurri, whose team building has been kept to a minimum despite the general ageing of their outstanding stars, Latrobe and Merton have really got down to business, and could quite easily become the greatest challengers in 1964.

On paper both clubs appear to be very much stronger than before, having made a judicious team building by signing new young players of promise.

Latrobe, the pioneers of multiple importations, have obtained the services of several fine players in their late 'teens or early twenties.

This season all players in the Latrobe club will have to be playing flat out to retain a place in the State League team.

Among the Latrobe line up we will find Peter Scott, formerly a member of the Whitby (England) club in the Northern League.

Peter Scott arrived here last year and joined Postal with much success.

He was leading goal scorer in the Northern League before coming to Brisbane.

Dick Thorpe, who played at left back in the last few games of last season has again signed, and looks like being one of our best full backs.

He is also a qualified coach.

Robson pivot

Derek Robson, who created such an impression at centre half last year, will again be a keystone of a very solid defence, and outside right John Taylor, who was released to undergo a trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers, has returned, and will play for Lats.

John found the weather too much for him in England, although he is Scottish born.

Two newcomers to Australian soccer are Ken Rusk an outside right and C. Lees, an inside forward from Leyton, an amateur team in the Athenian League, one of the top amateur leagues in Britain.

These two are on their way and others will follow almost immediately.

Rusk has played for Whitby, Billingham and as an amateur for Middlesborough, Swindon, Plymouth and Darlington.

Apart from being a very good winger, Rusk is also a useful cricketer.

Latrobe still have such fine players as Ron Clarke, Gordon Cuddaford, John Darlington (returning from a trip home to England), but have lost Ray Richards and Bernie Brennan, who are seeking pastures new in Victoria.

They have not yet been cleared by Latrobe, and Richards has a transfer fee of £1,000 on his head.

Brennan, too, will cost a few hundred.

Merton's gains

Merton Rovers may not have signed on a great number of newcomers, but have secured the services of two young Scottish migrants, one solid player from Melbourne, and with the folding of the Croatia club, have taken over their players.

Intensive training and coaching under former Motherwell and Queens Park Rangers player John Pattison is in full swing, and the club is confident of a bumper season.

From information I have received, some of Merton's outstanding players of last season will be forced to play all out if they are to retain their positions in the first team.

This sort of competition should certainly prevent those amazing lapses suffered by Merton from time to time last year.

Club and team administration has undergone a change, and there will be a regular advertising campaign and other publicity efforts put into operation to make the public more soccer conscious.

SOME OF THE MIGHTY MAY FALL WITH THUD

— *From BOB LOW in Melbourne* —

JUST v. Wilhelmina followed by George Cross v. Juventus is the type of pairings which will draw an outsize crowd to South Melbourne on Saturday night when the four teams clash.

Taking past encounters as a guide, the big crowd expected should have plenty to shout about as all four are capable of turning on orthodox, direct and rewarding soccer.

Both games have a direct and ultimate bearing on the qualifiers to the semis.

★ A defeat for JUST would almost certainly end their hopes, unless George Cross also lose and worsen their goal average.

★ If JUST and George Cross both win by good margins then Juventus, at present in the box-seat, could surprisingly fail to qualify.

★ Juventus only need a draw against George Cross to make certain of going into the finals.

If that's not enough to provide an incentive and pull out the fans then I don't know what is.

Here is my view on how the games may go:

JUST v. Wilhelmina

Records over the past few years indicate that there is little between the sides.

The more polished JUST, with better balance and even more ability, will find the Dutchmen a tough nut to crack.

Two defeats in a row will only put the Ringwood team's back-up and make them more determined to register a win.

The Footscray team are never overawed by the opposition and don't depend on luck.

But they do, on occasions, relax and this could be fatal against the non-stop Dutchmen.

With players of the calibre of Rice, Micic, Stankovic, Mladenovic, Van Alphen, McCauley and Lockhurst the game should be of a high standard.

JUST have the overall supremacy to finish on top but if Wilhelmina get in front first then I don't give tuppence for JUST's chances.

G. Cross v. Juventus

Without making any silly predictions we might see here two of the teams which may finish in the top four in the league in 1964.

Both have plenty of potential, but both have also problems.

George Cross need an experienced defender to replace Falzon while Juventus lack a centre and spearhead who can finish off the moves of Donlevy and Scott.

George Cross supporters must be patient.

The new management has already made good progress rectifying last season's blunders but they need more time to get the best type of replacement available from overseas.

With Hobson, Muscat, Hodgson and Goldie they have the men to build around.

Petersen, the former Wilhelmina player, has been a big disappointment but right winger Campbell is slowly returning to form.

Juventus since the acquisition of Donlevy, Scott, Higgins and Oxton are a revelation and have strength and purpose they had lacked for some time.

The Italian side don't mess around: they look and fight for every ball.

Overall there is little to choose between the sides.

Juventus have the edge in strength but George Cross are slightly more purposeful, something which may give them the edge.

Aust. champion Slavia and Hellas exit from Ampol Cup

Although Slavia played what was perhaps their best game of the series, a defensive lapse, resulting in a second goal and forward failings contributed to their exit from the Ampol Cup.

Polonia v. Slavia 2-1

Polonia had a match-winner in Kowalec who proved his versatility in this game and scored both goals.

It was a rough and tumble game and Slavia were somewhat unlucky that two of their best players, Cook and Auchie, received injuries.

Cook suffered a bad eye gash which needed stitches.

The forcing play of wing half Dudon for Polonia contributed greatly to their win and with Kowalec and young Mroczkowski on the right wing this trio were tops for the winners.

Despite their injuries Cook and Auchie were best as defenders while in attack Harper (Slavia's scorer) and new centre Meechan tried hard with scant support.

How they lined up:

Slavia: Barotajs; Shepherd, Ackerley; Auchie, Cook, Sanchez; McMeechan, Harper, Meechan, McDonagh, McCorquodale.

Polonia: Putkowski; Wrzos, Szylgalski; Janczyk, Gross, Dudon; Mroczkowski, Jankowski, Jurecki, Zientara, Kowalec.

Referee: L. Straface.

SM Hellas v. Lions 0-2

Inspired by 'keeper Voigt, who had some wonderful saves and the astute tactics of captain-coach Tony Vella, the Lions fully justified their recent improved form by giving Hellas the old "one-two" and the K.O. from the Cup.

This Hellas side, reasonably strong in defence, can thank their punchless forwards, who frittered away chance after chance on the six yard line, for their defeat.

Lions, without being brilliant, were much more imaginative, especially in front of goal and when Beinroth the former Prague player chalked up their first, the writing was on the wall for the Greeks.

Lions in fact were decidedly unlucky on two more occasions when an angular shot by Klein whizzed past the post and a great header by Watson just went over.

Watson scored the second goal to put the issue beyond doubt and to give Lions a well deserved passage into the semi-final.

How they lined up:

S.M. Hellas: Penzo, Kalogeros, Mantrakes; Papadopoulous, Xanthopoulous, Hatzelefetheriou; Margarites, Kamboropoulos, Smith, Bedford.

Lions: Voigt, J. Marth, McLachlan; Landherr, Schwartz, Vella; Klein, Angestberger, Watson, Beinroth, Harris.

Referee: R. Lamb.

PLANS FOR COUNTRY

Representatives of Latrobe Valley, Shepparton, Ballarat and Bendigo met the Victorian Soccer Federation at Soccer House recently to discuss ways and means of promoting and improving soccer in the rural districts of Victoria.

Among suggestions put forward and considered were:—

- A new cup competition for the country clubs.
- Provision of visits by State League coaches to country centres.
- Visits by State League clubs to country towns.
- Question of subsidies for gear and equipment.

The Victorian Soccer Federation, anxious to promote the game in the country, is expected to announce at a later date its details of assistance.

METROP. LEAGUE OFFICE BEARERS

This is the low-down on the office bearers in the Melbourne Metropolitan League for 1964.

CHAIRMAN: Norm Stanley of Frankston Soccer Club, who has done much in the past few years to promote soccer on the peninsula.

OTHERS: John Barclay, representing Flinders Naval Depot, also deputy chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

C. D. Harris of Park Rangers F.C., a well known figure in Victorian soccer for years. A former player, he was also assistant manager for the Victorian State team in the old association days.

Ken Cullen, widely associated with Moreland Soccer Club for years, excelled as a full back before retiring to take over the treasurer's post.

Ivan Eugene of Austria Soccer club who has done much for the game in general from the publicity view. Forceful and strong, he can put his point over to good effect.

E. Mould from South Yarra is an Englishman who works hard for his club and the game in general.

Messrs Stanley, Barclay, Harris, Cullen, Eugene and Mould are all Council delegates to the Federation.

Six additional Metropolitan league management members are:

H. Vollmer (Bayswater), S. Yates (Bell Park), W. Campbell (Sandringham), A. McKillop (Dandenong), D. McMinn (Coburg) and O. Haering (Helvetic).

READERS' LETTERS

SOCCER WORLD's circulation through the soccer loving and following community was well proven last week when it published a paragraph inviting interested parties to contact Ku-ring-gai United (Sydney) officials.

The officials were highly delighted with the response.

However, Ku-ring-gai, which plays in the NSW Federation's Amateur League still would like to hear from players of above average ability.

Interested players or officials should contact D.M. Allen on 44-4717 or Tony Locastro on 44-8107.

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SPOTLIGHT on MELBOURNE

Frank McColgan, the Slavia inside forward who returned to Scotland 10 weeks ago is waiting for a clearance from the Australian Soccer Federation so that he can get back into the game.

Given training facilities with a first division club, Frank hopes to join a non-league outfit.

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Polonia's right or left winger, Katolik has shown bright form in the few games so far.

At one time it was feared this promising winger would have to return to Adelaide due to "domestic club" arrangements between Polonia, South Australia, his former club and their Melbourne counterparts.

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One of the most enterprising and outspoken officials in the Metropolitan league clubs is Mike McKillop of Dandenong.

A good soccer player in his hey-day, McKillop had a prolonged spell on the books of Glasgow Rangers in the late 40's and played quite a few first team games.

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Well informed reports state that Melbourne's Hakoah are more than interested in the future of Chaldi the Sydney Hakoah wing half.

There could be developments here as the Melbourne club desperately need an experienced defender.

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Juventus, with one of the most workman-like sides they have had for years, are not letting any success they have had so far go to their heads.

On the contrary, they are intent on further strengthening the side and a goalkeeper is high on their priority list.

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Croatia players, 'keeper Ward and half Dougan who moved to Sydney at the close of last season are reported to be "staying put" there.

A blow to the relegated Croatia's hopes of making it back in one season, it seems likely that they will be transferred to one of Sydney's premier clubs.

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If keeness and enthusiasm mean anyhing then newly promoted Italian side, Triestina should acquit themselves well.

Last Sunday the team had a "get together" and trained practically all day.

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Lions Soccer Club are holding a Dance at the Ukraine Hall, in Essendon on Saturday, February 15.

Everyone is welcome to go along and join in the fun.

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Vic Manson who gave grand service to Melbourne Soccer Club for many years as secretary is now vice-president but only temporarily.

This popular official is returning to the UK with his wife and family in July.

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Interstate travelling to find a new club is not uncommon these days and the traffic is not one-way either.

We have Melbourne players in Sydney, with the blessing of their clubs trying to find a new abode, and here in Melbourne we have two Sydney players trying the same.

Gross, the former Budapest 'keeper is still in Melbourne and still without a club while Bukkos, the Yugal full-back is in the same position.

Unless the fees asked and the players' demands are drastically reduced both will be on the sidelines in the season ahead.

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Box Hill club boobed at the AGM of the Federation with a motion that the Dockerty Cup arrangements revert to the same as in 1961.

While this gives the Metropolitan clubs four teams in the last 16, it was the intention of the "Hill" to have them all in but they failed to check up beforehand of the 1961 arrangements.

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JUST's ground, Schintler Reserve is likely to be closed all this season for renovations to the playing surface and drainage.

The Footscray side, last season's premiers, are likely to use the Showground.

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Outside right or centre, Joe Dimech who joined George Cross from Malta last season is up for transfer.

This clever player with plenty of soccer "know-how" feels he has little hope of displacing Archie Campbell—hence his transfer request.

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Lions inside forward, Syd Tucker is now permanently settled and established in Brisbane and his club are prepared to transfer him to a club in that area only for a £200 fee.

Tucker, an Englishman who is young, strong and well built, is the hungry goal-scoring type who would do well in Queensland.

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Are Polonia to change their playing quarters?

Tenants of Tracey's Speedway for a few years, their name has been linked with a suggestion that they may get permission from JUST to use Schintler Reserve on alternate weeks.

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Two tight battles tipped for Ampol quarter-finals

Seeded South Coast United and APIA will be making their first appearances in the 1964 Ampol Cup on Friday when they meet Budapest and Yugal respectively in the first two quarterfinals.

Both matches have aroused tremendous interest as everybody wants to see the three men who will be making their debut.

Palmer "won" the Australia Cup for Slavia, Melbourne, in 1963 when he scored all three goals in the final replay against Polonia-Melbourne.

APIA will field two important new captures: John Watkiss and Willy Sinclair.

Watkiss needs no introduction to Sydney fans but new boy Sinclair is the man to watch.

This Scottish-born inside forward scored two goals for South Australia when they beat the Sydney team in the Australian representative championship at Adelaide on Easter Monday.

SCU v. Budapest

Budapest have always had the Coast's measure when they met in Sydney in the past and are confident that they can again thwart SCU's ambitions.

Budapest, however, will have to show marked improvement on their form against Canterbury in the first round to have any serious chance.

The South Coast inside-trio of Barnett, Palmer and Doherty could tear the Budapest defence to pieces if their half-backs don't improve dramatically.

JOHN DOHERTY

All three SCU forwards have deadly shots and goalie Sokoloff will be in for a torrid evening.

A lot will depend on the Budapest defence because the Sydney forwards are quite capable of holding their own with South Coast's rather suspect defence.

This could be a high-scoring game with the forwards eclipsing the defenders.

John Warren, Fernandez and Rodriguez played well in the replay against Canterbury and on their shoulders appears to rest Budapest's fate.

Should Krgin be fit to play, then Budapest could entertain higher hopes, but South Coast must start strong favorites.

Their direct effective style of football and formidable inside trio commands great respect.

South Coast should not win too easily, but a Budapest victory would be an upset.

APIA v. Yugal

The "new-look", star-studded forward-line of APIA or Sydney's most experienced defence of Yugal?

This is APIA v. Yugal in a nutshell and the outcome of this fascinating duel will be worth coming a long way to see.

APIA are bursting with confidence, claiming that they have the best forward-line in Australia with Giacometti, Wong, Sinclair, Watkiss and Jaros.

It is, however, unlikely that this classy array of forwards will be able to function at full capacity at this early stage as there is bound to be a certain lack of cohesion between the players.

This lack of understanding may be just what Yugal need as they cannot entertain any hopes of scoring more than one or two goals on Friday.

Although Pacanin may be back for the match, and assuming he is fit, which is unlikely after a four-month lay-off, the Yugal forward-line appears hopelessly weak with the exception of Schwarz who showed real flashes of brilliance against Corinthians.

Yugal's sole hope for a win rest on their great defence where the clash between Lazarevic, Stojanovic and Dunaj and APIA's inside-trio of Sinclair, Watkiss and Wong promises to be sensational.

APIA should avenge their 1963 Ampol Cup semifinal defeat and reach the semi-final for the fifth consecutive year.

Only a superhuman effort by the Yugal defence and a few flashes of opportunism by their forwards could stop APIA from winning.

PROBABLE TEAMS FOR AMPOL CUP

SCU v. BUDAPEST

J. NUELL	1	N. SOKOLOFF
B. SALISBURY	2	H. STEGBAUER
A. RINGLAND	3	N. BRISBY
J. KELLY	4	M. SCHAEFER
J. HARRIS	5	P. BANICEVIC
M. TOLSON	6	T. ZUCKERMANN
P. ROACH	7	M. KRGIN
J. DOHERTY	8	V. FERNANDEZ
D. PALMER	9	J. GALAMBOS
G. BARNETT	10	H. RODRIGUEZ
M. JOHNSON	11	J. WARREN

Referee: F. Woolman

YUGAL v. APIA

K. SPIEGEL	1	J. DORMAN
H RINGHOFF	2	C. VAN BLERK
J. MUCILLO	3	R. MURUA
L. LAZAREVIC	4	P. HUGHES
M. STOJANOVIC	5	J. MARSTON
F. DUNAJ	6	K. JAROS
J. ALAGICH	7	R. McKELLAR
E. SCHWARZ	8	W. SINCLAIR
A. NINCEVIC	9	J. WATKISS
J. MEDINA	10	J. WONG
S. PACANIN	11	G. GIACOMETTI

Referee: K. Lockrey

Drenched crowd sees brilliant Croatia, hard pressed Hakoah

Last Friday's double-header, although still not producing brilliant football, was a big improvement on the first night.

Croatia played the best football of any team so far on view in the series when they outclassed Bankstown 4-0 in the first match.

In the main match Hakoah had to struggle all the way to hang on to their two-goal first half lead to beat newly formed Cumberland United 2-0.

The 4,600 spectators on the unsheltered Marks Field terraces again had to endure the discomfort of a rainy night, the Hakoah v. Cumberland match being played in driving rain.

Croatia v. Bankstown

Croatia played their best football since gaining first division status.

Under the brilliant leadership of an inspired Eduardo Massey, the Croatia forward-line displayed all the characteristics of a classy, nippy match-winning combination.

Massey's immaculate ball control and square rule passes right on the foot of his team-mates were the highlight of the night.

Massey received excellent support from Schauman, Frazer and Hejtmanek to utterly bewilder an incredibly poor Bankstown.

Bankstown were undoubtedly the weakest team seen in the series so far and Ray Neal, their new coach, has his work cut out to steer Bankstown clear from relegation.

Croatia only fielded two of their new Argentine imports, full-back Juan Puig and left-half Norberto Bischoff.

Both had quiet debuts but look the goods and should be definite assests once they settle down.

There was no match to speak of as Croatia imposed their rythm and pattern of play from the kick-off.

How they lned up and played:

Croatia: I. Djukic 4; J. Puig 3, J. Nadj 3; R. Pomahac 4, A. Hetherington 4, N. Bischoff 3; F. Hejtmanek 4, **E. Massey** 6, R. Frazer 4, **L. Schauman** 5, I. Magony 2.

Coach: E. Massey.

Total: 42.

Bankstown: W. Rorke 3; P. Scahill 2, P. West 3; R. Cowling 3, R. Madden 4, S. Devlin 3; N. Stiffle 3, R. Marklew 3, S. Oberman 2, I. Brown 2, T. Yates 2.

Coach: R. Neal.

Total: 30.

Scorers: F. Hejtmanek 7 min, L. Schauman 23 and 53 min, R. Frazer 39 min. for Croatia.

Referee: N. Jones.

Hakoah v. Cum'land

As we predicted last week, Hakoah did not have things all their own way against Cumberland.

Actually Cumberland enjoyed a vast territorial advantage which assumed gigantic proportions in the second half.

Cumberland were unable to finish any of their moves, failing to take advantage of Hakoah's surprisingly shaky defence where the greasy, wet ball had captain-coach Matt Woods at sixes and sevens late in the match.

Baumgartner started his first official match for Hakoah sensationally, laying a perfect pass straight from the kick-off for Fekete to score in the first minute.

At 30 minutes Fekete returned the compliment after a series of quick "one-two" passes with Saghi for Baumgartner to score his first goal for his new club.

The Hakoah forwards were slow, especially Saghi, while Ninaus was hardly seen on the field.

Gallant Cumberland created a good impression and will have to be reckoned with this year although they did not show as much team-spirit as when the players wore the Gladesville jerseys.

How they lined up and played.

Hakoah: G. McGuire 3; C. Thomson 4, R. McGuire 3; R. Kearns 3, M. Woods 3, R. McKnight 4; **R. Fekete** 5, A. Saghi 3, L. Baumgartner 4, H. Ninaus 2, B. Gold 3.

Coach: M. Woods.

Total: 37.

Cumberland: B. Stevens 4; W. Addison 3, P. Keen 4; G. Arnott 3, R. Folwell 4, G. McPhail 3; N. Townsend 3, W. Hume 2, J. Richardson 3, R. Hall 3, V. Reynolds 4.

Coach: L. Quested.

Total: 36.

Scorers: R. Fekete 1 min. and L. Baumgartner 30 min. for Hakoah.

Referee: S. Pundyk.

Crowd: 4,600 (double-header).

—LOU GAUTIER

Improved display by B'pest forwards

Budapest reached the quarterfinals of the Ampol Cup with a dramatic one minute second half scoring burst which netted two goals in their replay against Canterbury.

Budapest's 3-1 victory bears no discussion as they were heads above the disjointed Canterbury.

Although Canterbury surprisingly equalized in the 50th minute, Budapest were never in any real danger of defeat.

Budapest showed improved form, their forward line in particular displaying more aggressive, direct methods.

Their halves, however, were a disappointment.

Canterbury were again best served by brilliant goalie Corry who kept the score down to a respectable defeat, half back Zivkovic and outside right Dennis Yaager.

How they lined up and played —

Budapest: N. Sokoloff 4; H. Stegbauer 3, N. Brisby 3; M. Schaefer 3, **P. Banicevic** 5, T. Zuckerman 2; J. Pompor 3,, V. Fernandez 4, J. Galambos 3, **H. Rodriguez** 5, J. Warren 4. **Coach:** N. Szegedi. **Total:** 39.

Canterbury: R. Corry 5; D. Brown 4 P. Munster 2; D. Zivkovic 4, T. North 3, E. McLeod 3; D. Yaager 4, G. Galbraith 2, B. Senior 3, J. McCann 2, J. Kirgan 2. **Coach:** D. Adrigan. **Total:** 34.

Scorers: V. Fernandez 20 & 55 mins., J. Pompor 56 min. for Budapest; T. North 50 min. for Canterbury.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 1,200.

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Amateurs will have their greatest season ever

One of the NSW Federation's most successful ventures since its formation was the launching of the Amateur Division in 1963.

Almost all of the original teams shaped up well.

University of NSW, Kuring-gai United and Belmore started indifferently, but the latter two clubs were often a force to be reckoned with.

Marconi, now promoted, were a workmanlike team.

Sydney University improved out of all sight when Vivian Chalwin took over as coach.

Hornsby, the Cup winners, fielded a young, speedy, fast-striking side.

Greatest year

1964 will provide better things still.

Into the competition will come some of the State's best junior clubs.

Many have from 12 to 20 teams to back up their first team.

Artarmon could develop well having gained the advantage on the nearby and long-established Lane Cove United club, even though Lane Cove's Pottery Green has superior facilities to Artarmon Pk.

Marrickville was expected to enter for 1964 and the suprise was that they did not do so in 1963.

Wentworthville Waratah is an enterprising club, with vast junior resources in a township which years ago knew only Rugby League.

Dee Why, coached by John Hiron, brother of Prague defender Ken Hiron, is a club of great spirit and enthusiasm.

Gladesville Ravens, in the few seasons since they broke away from the Christchurch Gladesville club, have become a legend.

Their youth development programme is excellent.

Thousands of pounds have been raised to develop Raven Park, over which they hold a 21-year, 12-month a year lease.

Marsfield, an efficient and fanatically enthusiastic club faces a dilemma.

Club officials will have to consider whether a change of name and ground will be necessary before the club can reach its full stature.

Nearby suburbs, Epping, with Sommerville Park available on Saturdays, and Eastwood, with Eastwood Oval available on Sundays, are far more populous and better equiped centres than Marsfield.

Auburn's potential is widely recognised and the other western line club, Granville Kewpie, has a sound junior backing.

Sutherland has Central League experience.

Paddington was a moderate performer in the 1963 Eastern Suburbs competition, but could be the surprise packet that Kingsford was in 1963.

Padstow RSL could do well, and Western Suburbs form will be watched with interest.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Tricolore chalks up two good wins in W.A. Ampol

— From our Perth correspondent —

The WA Federation's night soccer competition, once more sponsored by Ampol, got under way in Perth.

In the first game North Perth defeated Azzurri 3-2 and looked very impressive.

Their lively forwards were a constant danger to the Azzurri defence and only some brilliant saves by keeper Milanovich, who thrilled the crowd with several spectacular saves, prevented a couple of certain goals and kept the score respectable.

North Perth 3 (R. Mayle, M. Ireson, R. Miller) v. **Azzurri 2** (J. Almond, J. Birighitti).

The second game saw last season's night soccer winners and league champions Tricolore, coast to an easy win against Athena to the tune of 6-0.

The Greek team are reported to have two new signings on their way out from Greece and will certainly need these and probably others too, if they hope to do better than this.

Tricolore have retained all their last season players and served up the slick, precision-style of soccer we have come to expect of them.

They are going to be a difficult side to beat and should be up around the top of the table again this season.

Tricolore 6 (J. McInroy 2, R. Magennis 2, T. Monk, I.Common) v. **Athena 0.**

The North Perth side continued their successful run in the second round with a win over Olympic.

It was a lacklustre display by both teams that rarely gave the fans much to get excited about.

State right back Gil Nobbs was switched to centre forward for this game and helped himself to two goals for the "blues". Several of the Olympic side were obviously unfit and will need to buckle down to serious training.

North Perth 3 (Nobbs 2, Ireson) v. **Olympic** 0.

In the other match the powerful Tricolore team and Windmills more than made up for the disappointment of the previous game, with Tricolore winning 5-1.

There was not as much difference between them as the score would suggest. The Windmills forwards hit the crossbar and uprights on four occasions, and always looked very dangerous.

Best goal of the evening came from former New Zealand international and Gladesville star Rod Reid after some clever inter — changing of positions. Reid finished off the movement with a flashing drive from just outside the box.

Tricolore 5 (Reid, Common, Summers, Oughton and Magennis,) d. **Windmills** 1 (Paat).

LONDON NEWSLETTER

FROM DEREK HILL

This will rock Sydney fans and especially those ardent APIA supporters: Billy Stevenson, the Liverpool left half is in line for full Scottish international honors.

Stevenson, now in his second year at Anfield, is a former junior international who was earlier snapped up by Glasgow Rangers.

However, as Jimmy Baxter began to shine for the Rangers, big Billy was being wasted in the reserves.

So he packed his bags and went to Sydney to play for APIA.

But the Scottish FA, naturally enough, refused to give this £25,000 player the necessary clearance.

Eventually he returned and Rangers agreed to transfer him to Liverpool.

Since his debut in English first division some 15 months ago Stevenson has steadily improved.

Now, with David Mackay of Tottenham out with a broken leg, Stevenson's chances of playing for Scotland soon are really bright.

That may indicate to the fans of Sydney just how good the fish was that got away...

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Another player familiar to Australian fans is Pat Woods, the former South Coast fullback.

Previously with Queen's Park Rangers, the balding Woods returned to England half a year ago.

Colchester lost no time in signing him and his form since then has been amazingly consistent.

Woods made the first team when the regular left back, John Fowler was injured.

When young Duncan Forbes was also put out through injury, Woods was moved from left to right to allow Fowler to come back.

Now Forbes, this promising young star cannot regain his place in Colchester.

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Reserve grade soccer may be extinct within a few years.

The chances are that pretty soon clubs will run only one professional team, the others will have to be amateurs.

Economics are behind this move and the fourth division clubs are the first to feel the pinch.

Bradford City and York City are thinking of withdrawing their reserve teams from the North Regional League after the present season.

Many Scottish second division clubs are without reserve teams already.

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And finally, something on another "Australian," Alick Jeffrey.

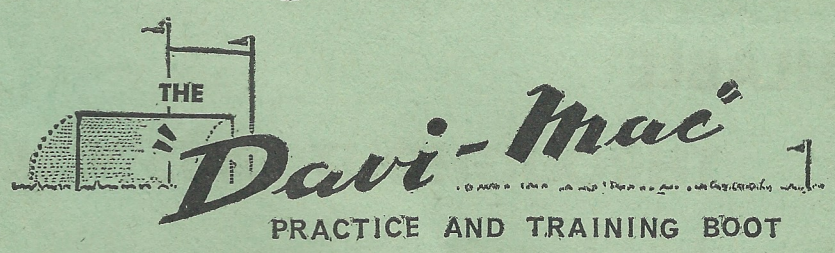
His team, Doncaster Rovers scored a record 10-0 win over Darlington the other day with Jeffrey starring at inside left.

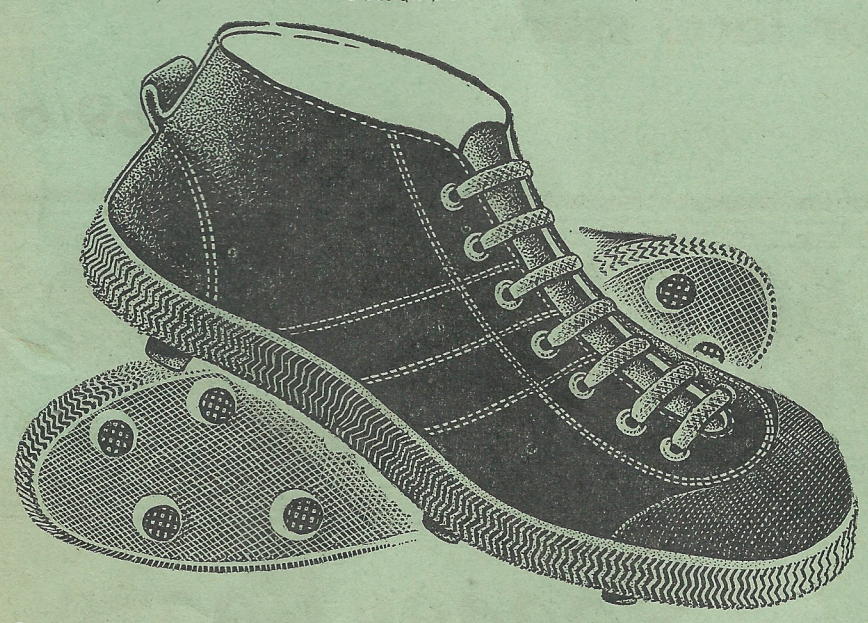
How many of the goals did the burly genius grab for himself?

None. All the forwards and one of the halves shared in the bonanza but somehow luck eluded big Alick.

Still, Doncaster's bosses are more than happy with his form and so here's another "expatriate" from Down Under who returned home and is unlikely to make another long ocean-crossing in his active days.

Something New for Soccer Players of all Ages





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'OLD' AND 'NEW' PRAGUES CLASH IN LORD TESTIMONIAL ON SUNDAY

Sydney soccer fans will have the opportunity to show their appreciation and admiration for one of Australia's greatest sportsmen on Sunday.

Prague will stage a gala testimonial match for goalkeeper Ron Lord at Marks Field, starting at 2 p.m.

The players who formed the mighty Prague team which set new Australian soccer standards in 1959 will play today's Prague, minus Lord, Hiron, Sherwin and Scheinflug—all members of the 1959 Sydney premiership-winning side.

At 2 p.m. "Prague 1955" will play a Sydney referees XI, which will include soccer writer Terry Smith as "guest player".

There will be a display by the marching girls association and at 3.30 Ron Lord will arrive on the field by helicopter from his Bankstown home.

The juniors will pay tribute to Lord at 3.35 p.m. with a march past by hundreds of young players.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, (Ald. Jensen), Australian Soccer Federation president W. G. Walkley, NSW Federation president Ben Nathan; NSW ice-hockey president J. Kennedy and rugby league president Bill Buckley have all agreed to be patrons of the Ron Lord testimonial.

A special reception will be held after the game at 8 p.m. at Dunbar House, Watsons Bay, where everybody is welcome.

No player deserves a successful testimonial more than the unassuming 34-year-old Lord.

He is undoubtedly the best ever Australian born soccer player, setting new standards for national goalkeeping.

Keen observers all agree that Lord could "walk in" most of the overseas first division teams, which makes it all the more regrettable that he should be reaching the twilight of his great career when international vistas have just opened for Australian soccer.

SOCCER WORLD hopes soccer fans will turn up in their thousands on Sunday to pay tribute to a player who has given all of us so much pleasure and will continue to do so until he hangs up his boots.

Probable line-ups.

PRAGUE '59

R. Lord; K. Hiron, S. Sherwin; K. Jaros, K. O'Neill, L. Scheinflug; E. Schwarz, W. Tamandl, L. Baumgartner, A. Saghi, H. Ninaus.

PRAGUE '64

S. Earle; A. Falzon, J. Bond; G. Jones, J. Pettigrew, P. Hrncir; R. Blitz, B. Tristram, N. Badaracco, R. Hendrick, L. Gauto.

Here Ron Lord saves a "sizzler" in a competition match against Pan Hellenic while team mate Stuart Sherwin looks on. This was yet another match last season where Australia's top goalkeeper performed miracles to enable Prague to win.

TRIAL RESULTS

APIA v. Corinthians	3-2
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S. Coast Utd. v. Budapest	— Marks Field	7.30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

TRIAL

Blacktown v. Polonia-NS	— Francis Pk.	2 & 3.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Ron Lord Testimonial (Prague '59 v. Prague '64)	— Marks Field	2.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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Prague v. Hakoah	— Marks Field	9.00 p.m.

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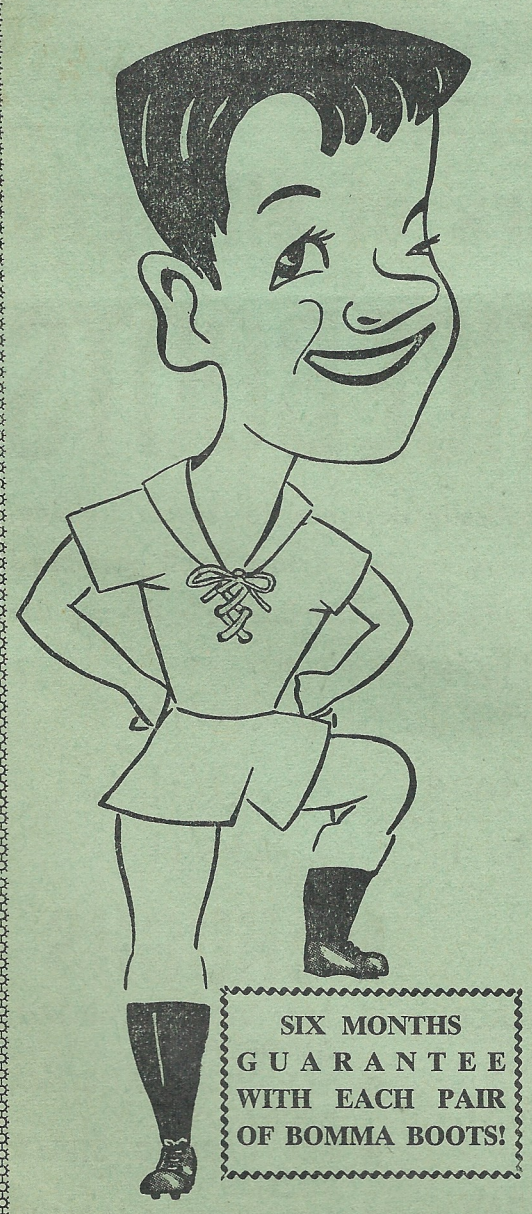

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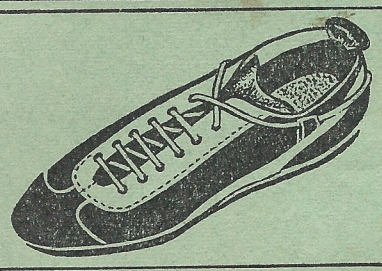

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